

REMARKS

Claims 12-28 remain pending in the application, and claims 16 and 17 are amended.

Agreement was reached between the undersigned and Examiner Ojini on July 29, 2005 regarding amendments to claims 12, 16 and 17. The Notice of Allowability mailed by Examiner Ojini on August 19, 2005 reflects most of the agreed-upon amendments, but fails to include a couple of deletions that were agreed upon to be included in claims 16 and 17. Accordingly, this §1.312 Amendment is being submitted to amend claims 16 and 17 and provide the agreed-upon deletions into the claims.

Applicant believes that the changes to claims 16 and 17 provided herein are fully in compliance with the agreement reached between the undersigned and Examiner Ojini on July 29, 2005; and accordingly requests entry of this §1.312 Amendment. If the Examiner disagrees, or wishes to discuss this, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 509-624-4276.

Respectfully submitted,

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